

What is claimed is:

1. A tailgate module for a vehicle comprising:

a top work surface (21) comprising one or a plurality of slots (13) configured to locate a base of a tool (14) in a first direction and a second direction, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first, said one or plurality of slots cooperating with a downwardly extending protrusion on the base of said tool; and

a clamp (24) for restricting movement of the base in a direction perpendicular to said first and said second direction.

2. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the clamp is spring loaded.

3. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the module comprises plastic.

4. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the tool is a power tool.

5. The tailgate module of claim 4, wherein the power tool is a saw.

6. The tailgate module of claim 1, further comprising a stock guide.

7. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the tailgate module comprises the inner surface of a conventional metal tailgate assembly and is securely attached thereto.

8. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the module is formed by a process

selected from the group consisting of blow molding, thermoforming, injection molding, compression molding, reaction injection molding, and rotational molding.

9. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the module comprises a tailgate molded
5 of unitary construction.

10. The tailgate module of claim 9, wherein the module is formed by a process selected from the group consisting of blow molding, thermoforming, injection molding, compression molding, reaction injection molding, and rotational molding.

10 11. The tailgate module of claim 1, wherein the module comprises multiple plastic components assembled together.

12. A tailgate module for a vehicle comprising:
15 a top work surface comprising a depression configured to cooperate with a downwardly extending protrusion on a base of a tool, the depression configured to positively locate the base of a tool in a first direction and a second direction, the second direction being perpendicular to the first; and

a clamp for restricting movement of the base in a direction perpendicular to the said first
20 and said second direction.

13. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the clamp is spring loaded.

14. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the module comprises plastic.

15. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the tool is a power tool.

5 16. The tailgate module of claim 15, wherein the power tool is a saw.

17. The tailgate module of claim 12, further comprising a stock guide.

18. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the tailgate module comprises the inner
10 surface of a conventional metal tailgate assembly and is securely attached thereto.

19. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the module is formed by a process
selected from the group consisting of blow molding, thermoforming, injection molding,
compression molding, reaction injection molding, and rotational molding.

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20. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the module comprises a tailgate molded
of unitary construction.

21. The tailgate module of claim 19, wherein the module is formed by a process
20 selected from the group consisting of blow molding, thermoforming, injection molding,
compression molding, reaction injection molding and rotational molding.

22. The tailgate module of claim 12, wherein the module comprises multiple plastic

components assembled together.

23. A tailgate module for a vehicle comprising:

a top work surface comprising a protrusion configured to cooperate with a depression on

5 a base of a tool, the protrusion configured to positively locate the base of a tool in a first direction and a second direction, the second direction being perpendicular to the first; and

a clamp for restricting movement of the base in a direction perpendicular to the said first and said second direction.